IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: BEN SHEN ET AL.

Application No.: 09/477,962

Art Unit: 1643

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For: BLEOMYCIN GENE CLUSTER

COMPONENTS AND THEIR USES

Box Missing Parts Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

It is hereby petitioned that a one month extension of time be granted in order to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated February 22, 2000. This petition extends the deadline for response until May 22, 2000.

A check is enclosed, which covers the \$55.00 extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-1030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Dated: May 15, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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